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HF 2676 - Juvenile Court Records (LSB 6286 HV.1)

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Fiscal Note Version – Amendment H-8319 to HF 2676

Description

Amendment H-8319 to HF 2676 requires juvenile court records filed on or after January 1, 2007, from being available to the public via the Internet unless the child is adjudicated delinquent. These juvenile cases are still considered public records and copies can be provided upon request; however, these records will no longer be available via the Internet.

Background

There are currently an estimated 60,000 delinquency cases available electronically. Under current law, juvenile records are posted on the Internet regardless of whether or not the case resulted in a delinquency adjudication unless the records have been sealed. Child in Need of Assistance (CINA) records are not posted on the Internet. Current law does not make juvenile delinquency records confidential unless the records have been sealed, and current law also requires that two years elapse since the last official action in the juvenile's case if there was no adjudication and disposition.

Assumptions

1. Amendment H-8319 requires official juvenile court records filed on or after January 1, 2007, to be unavailable via the Internet, unless the juvenile was adjudicated delinquent.
2. The Judicial Branch may require approximately \$5,000 in Iowa Court Information System (ICIS) programming costs to develop a program to automatically remove juvenile cases from the Internet on or after January 1, 2007, unless the juvenile is adjudicated delinquent.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of Amendment H-8319 to HF 2676 is minimal.

Source

Judicial Branch

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